

## **Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08p.m and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **ATTENDANCE**

Greg Ware, Chair    Jacqueline Cox    Lynda Gonzalez  
Adrian McDaniel    Eric Scott

### **ABSENT**

Betty Gosney, Vice Chair

### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Jacqueline Cox motioned to approve the minutes for June and Council Member Eric Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **A. California Highway Patrol (pending availability)- Officer Steve Robinson**

Officer Robinson announced that CHP officers have been receiving more complaints of students since school has begun. He explained that he has been present on Hawthorne Ave and Cedar Ave a couple times a week to resolve the complaints of students running across the street and automobiles speeding in the school zone. Officer Robinson also mentioned that there is a big issue at Cedar Ave because there is no stop sign and this is why we there are speeding vehicles. He reported that a young girl was hit on Randall Ave. He also stated that there needs to be some kind of traffic control on Hawthorne Ave. especially around the schools. He has been giving verbal warnings to parents to resolve traffic issues when students are coming in and out of schools. There is often no traffic control on some of the streets where students and parents are crossing.

#### **B. Sheriff's Department**

A representative from the Sheriff's Station (he did not sign in or leave a card) announced that the West Foothill Station will go back to its original name of the Fontana Station. He also mentioned that there have been a few violent crimes. There was a drive by shooting, a case of an assault with a deadly weapon and a couple of Bloomington High School students set fire to a trash can. There were also two separate cases of assaults with deadly weapons, and domestic violence cases. He also spoke about disturbance calls in the community. He asks residents to give their information to the police and let them know that they are willing to sign a complaint. He also announced that there was a seminar regarding underage drinking. There is a new ordinance that allows to seek recovery costs of the host whether they are of age of not if underage drinking is occurring. He also mentioned that if residents are willing to file a complaint, the Sheriff's Department can issue a citation at that moment. Furthermore, a disturbance of peace can occur anytime throughout the day, there is no set time.

#### C. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington announced that Kessler Park is still going through with the parking lot and road way improvements. The main focus is on the roadway improvements along Linden Ave and Jurupa Ave. He also mentioned several projects that are going to be funded by the CDBG Grant. The first, the fire station, but that money has been frozen. The second being water improvements, in which money has also been frozen. A security fence around the fire station is also being looked into because air conditioning units had been stolen as well as graffiti behind the buildings. Mr. Millington also announced that the swim program was very successful. It usually supports about 400 kids, but has increased its attendance to 1200 when it was advertised within the schools. He also expressed his concern with the Kessler Park meeting room due to the complaints he has been receiving about its cleanliness. He explained that it should be a collaborative effort to keep the building clean. There is not enough room in the building to permit for each group to store their own tables and chairs. He encouraged for the groups to call or email him in regards to the complaints about the Kessler Park Meeting Room. His desk number is (909) 387-5877. Mr. Ware suggested for all the groups to select representatives to meet with all the other groups so that they may work together to solve the issues concerning the Kessler Park meeting room. Mr. Millington further announced that during the parking lot project they will also be working to make the gates more convenient, but it may be a couple months before they start on the projects.

#### D. Field Representative- Dan Flores

Mr. Flores announced that National Night Out was a fantastic event. They went through 500 hot dogs in an hour, and citizens were able to participate and gain information about the county and its departments. The ARMC Medical Mobile and Brethemobile were also at National Night Out. Mr. Flores also announced the possible closure of the bridge in early 2011 in relation to the Riverside Avenue project. He also announced his promotion to Deputy Chief of Staff for Supervisor Gonzales. He introduced his replacement, Christine Mardis, who formally served as the Field Representative for Fontana. He then announced that it was also the last MAC meeting for Aurora Hernandez, as she has also been promoted to Executive Secretary. He mentioned that there will be a new Special Project Coordinator who will serve as the MAC Secretary. Dan also mentioned that Chris will serve to help solve the problems in Bloomington, while he and Ms. Lisha Smith will work together to fulfill the duties of a Chief of Staff position. He thanked Bloomington for the opportunity in serving as their Field Representative.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Appointment of a new Chair and Vice Chair- Dan Flores

Mr. Ware announced the appointment of a new Chair and Vice-Chair. He mentioned that it was a privilege serving as the MAC Chair. He opened up the MAC for nomination. Betty Gosney was nominated as Chair by Jacqueline Cox. Council Member Gosney was absent, but Mr. Flores announced that she can accept the nomination as long as she contacts him. Mr. Ware mentioned that usually the Vice Chair is promoted as the Chair, therefore seconded the nomination. The rest of the MAC members were in favor of the nomination for Ms. Gosney to be the new MAC Chair. Her nomination will be

pending her acceptance. Dan Flores will follow up with her. The MAC was then opened up for the nomination of a Vice Chair. Ms. Cox was nominated by --- and all were in favor. Ms. Cox is now the Vice Chair.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation by Southern California Edison- Beverly Powell, Public Affairs Manager

Ms. Powell announced the Care Program which helps families in financial struggle to pay for utility bills. It is a one-time grant worth up to \$1500. She brought information and applications for the program. More information can be found at [www.tsa.goldenstate.org](http://www.tsa.goldenstate.org). Ms. Powell stated that there are many efficient ways of saving energy. Since many people have been switching to solar energy, the State is rebating less. Ms. Powell said the number to call in times of power outages is (800) 611-1911. Next, she announced that The Gas Company has begun installation of digital gas meters. They have also created a new look for consumer bills in which they are more user friendly and much easier to read. Finally she announced that SCE will fence off a property they have on Cedar Ave, Pepper Ave, and Appaloosa Aves between 12<sup>th</sup> St.

## **ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Safety Preparedness
- Name plate for MAC Youth Member

## **YOUTH MEMBER REPORT**

Andrew Homles

Mr. Holmes announced that the Kayos Kids attended a Leadership Conference concerning the prevention of underage drinking. They had the opportunity to network with other teens and give them self empowerment. Currently 100% of California is under the social ordinance that fines the host with underage drinking. He also announced several important dates. On September 11<sup>th</sup> Recovery Happens will take place at Sylvan Park. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Variety Show at 7pm at Bloomington High School. October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, the Fall Feast Concert will take place Bloomington High School. Finally, he announced that the Kayos Kidz also received awards for their community service work.

## **MAC MEMBER REPORT**

Lynda Gonzalez

Council Member Gonzalez thanked Dan and Aurora for their services to the MAC. She also thanked Dan for always following through.

Eric Scott

Council Member Scott thanked Dan and Aurora. He also thanked Mr. Ware for being the MAC Chair. He also stated that National Night Out was a huge success as was the Bloomington clean-up. Finally, he announced that there will be emergency response training for the Great California Shake-Out set to take place on October 21 at 10:21 AM

Greg Ware, Chair

MAC Chair Gregory Ware stated that he enjoyed the last year serving as the Chair. He mentioned that he is glad that the County of San Bernardino has never left Bloomington hanging.

Jackie Cox

No Comment

Adrian McDaniel

No Comment

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport announced that on September 28 at 7pm there will be a meeting at Bloomington High School in the auditorium concerning the possibility of a community special district. He mentioned that the special district will have an elected board to oversee where funds are being spent. He also announced that on Saturday September 11 at 9am there will be a horse show, and on Saturday October 30 there will be a handicap show.

Bloomington Boosters

Dave Soto announced that on September 11 there will be Candle Light Vigil in memory of 9/11. She also mentioned that the Boosters are now taking applications for the Christmas parade.

Dave Jayne

Mr. Jayne warned that there are people with guns walking around, practicing their right to bear arms. As long as the ammunition is not in the gun itself, for example the gun on the right side of their body and the ammunition on the left side, they are practicing their constitutional right. If the police try to take it away they can be sued. There may be more folks walking around with guns and he wanted the community to be aware.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Aurora Hernandez, MAC Secretary: (909) 387-3064